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# SACRAMENTO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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A JOINT COMMISSION APPOINTED BY:  
County of Sacramento  
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## **MEETING MINUTES**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015, 6:30PM.  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS  
700 H STREET  
SACRAMENTO, CA 95814**

**1 Call to Order- Chair Link**

*The meeting of the Sacramento Environmental Commission was called to order at 6:30 p.m.*

**2 Roll Call- Staff Secretary**

*Commissioners present: Mark Barry, Mark White, George "Buzz" Link, Eric Rivero-Montes, Dianne Kindermann, Anthony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Robert Bailey*

**3 Introduction of Commissioners-Chair Link**

*Commissioners each took a turn introducing themselves.*

**4 Public Comment- Chair Link**

*No members of the public addressed the Commission.*

**5 Consent Items- Chair Link**

*1. A motion to approve the September 2015 minutes was made by Mark White and seconded by Anthony DeRiggi.*

*Ayes: Mark Barry, Mark White, George "Buzz" Link, Eric Rivero-Montes, Dianne Kindermann, Antony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn*

*Noes: None*

*Abstentions: Robert Bailey*

2. *Revision of links on the SEC webpage was reviewed- A motion to approve, with the addition of CalRecycle to the E-waste category, was made by Richard Hunn and seconded by Anthony DeRiggi.*

*Ayes: Mark Barry, Mark White, George "Buzz" Link, Eric Rivero-Montes, Dianne Kindermann, Antony DeRiggi, Richard Hunn, Robert Bailey*

*Noes: None*

*Abstentions: None*

**6 Annual Health of Sacramento County Report- Dr. Olivia Kasirye, Sacramento County Public Health Officer**

*Dr. Kasirye updated the commissioners on the status of Sacramento County's Ebola preparedness and response. There are 100 travelers on the nationwide traveler monitoring list who have been interviewed by the CDC upon returning to the U.S. to evaluate if they were presenting symptoms indicative of Ebola. There have been no confirmed cases of Ebola in California. UC Davis Medical Center and Kaiser Permanente South Sacramento Medical Center are the two hospitals in the Sacramento region designated as Ebola treatment hospitals and Sacramento County Public Health Department is certified to test for the Ebola virus.*

*Dr. Kasirye reported on three of the most recent communicable disease outbreaks that have affected Sacramento County. Seven children from a local daycare center contracted E Coli 0157, possibly from a watermelon source. Sixteen patrons of a local restaurant contracted Norovirus, which caused the restaurant closure for 24 hours to sterilize and prevent further spreading of the virus. Hundreds of people were infected with Salmonella Poona in a multistate outbreak, possibly from cucumbers that were grown on a farm in Mexico where the soil tested positive for the bacteria.*

*Sacramento has seen an increase in the rate of the foodborne illness Shigella, particularly among the homeless population. Neighboring counties have experienced a similar rise in Shigella but no common link has been determined.*

*There is a nationwide increase in opioid abuse and heroin addiction, with Sacramento mirroring the increase. This addiction affects all classes, races and genders. Sacramento County has formed a Drug and Alcohol Task Force which will be holding a workshop with the Board of Supervisors on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015. Some counties have enacted legislation that require drug companies that produce the product to dispose of the waste pharmaceuticals, including opioids, so they do not enter the waste stream and contaminate soil or waterways.*

*Dr Kasirye discussed how the physical environmental has a large impact on a person's*

*ability to be active and healthy. The Board of Supervisors has approved active design planning guidelines for new infrastructure developments and is working with Sacramento County Planning and Community Development to promote developments that include walkable and bike able streets, mixed land uses with walkable destinations and environments that are safe and encourage outdoor mobility.*

*Public Health warnings were issued this month regarding the possibility of toxic cyanobacteria being present in water at some American River Parkway beaches. A local veterinarian reported to the Department of Public Health that a dog died shortly after ingesting water from the American River where algae blooms were visible and the symptoms exhibited prior to death were indicative of cyanobacteria toxicity. The autopsy on the animal did not confirm cyanobacteria and further testing is being done. At present, there is no visible algae along the shoreline beaches of the American River parkway so the risk of the toxin being in the water is no longer a threat. EMD worked closely with the Public Health department to test the water and ensure the safety of the public.*

*Action: Add the link [www.Behealthysacramento.org](http://www.Behealthysacramento.org) to the SEC webpage.*

**7. Mather Field Vernal Pools- and Leighann Moffitt, Planning Director, Community Development Department and Todd Smith, Senior Planner Community Development Department**

*The Mather Preserve Proposal was originally formulated in 1993 with 793 acres of wetlands designated as protected in the Master Plan. Over the years the significance of the Mather vernal pools has been more widely recognized and efforts to preserve the pools and wildlife in the pools, have become more concentrated. The vernal pools are lower in elevation than the surrounding topography and are subject to stormwater runoff, sedimentation and pesticide run off, all which have a negative impact on vernal pool longevity.*

*Mr. Smith and Ms. Moffitt reviewed several parcel maps outlining the current development plans for parcels in South Mather and discussed concerns communicated by the public about various environmental issues if those plans are carried out as they currently stand. Several community organizations have expressed the need for more scientific research that addresses preservation of the vernal pools before any development plans are implemented. That would include infrastructure impact analysis, buffer zones requirements, mitigation processes, traffic rerouting options and hydrology studies.*

*A Preserve Manager is being appointed at the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> and a collaborative stakeholder process has been implemented to study and report back on technical issues, alternative concepts and the relationship the changes may have on the adjacent parcels and projects. A revised concept plan is due to be presented to the Board of Supervisors in February, 2016.*

7 **Sacramento County Environmental Management Director's Report-** John Rogers, Chief of Environmental Health

8 **Environmental News Review-** Richard Hunn

9 **Commissioners Comments:**

*Chair Link presented a certificate of appreciation to retiring Chief of Environmental Health, John Rogers, for his years of service in the field of environmental health as well as his expert presentations to the Sacramento Environmental Commission over the years.*

10 **Adjournment-** Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m. The next meeting will be held on November 16th, 6:00p.m., at the Environmental Management Department, 10590 Armstrong Ave., Mather, CA 95655